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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phelos, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... Well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phelos?

Equally as important, where is King Phelos? For quite some time, Duzell and Princess Ishtar have been looking for him in the kingdom of Ci Xeneth. As of yet they haven't found Phelos, but they have found a homicidal lord who would stop at nothing to obtain the Phelostan throne for himself. They have found a dungeon full of monsters that have been kidnapped and mercilessly slaughtered to feed a dark obsession. They have found a young captain capable of unleashing some of the most destructive magic in Pheloska. They have found a powerful sorcerer pulling the strings behind the scenes. A sorcerer who has revealed himself to be none other than the Vampire Sharlon, one of the most powerful vampires in Pheloska.

Yes, Duzell and Ishtar have learned much about Ci Xeneth. Unfortunately, they still haven't learned how to stay out of trouble. Particularly Ishtar. Otherwise, she never would have freed all the monsters in the dungeon, spurring a rebellion that's sure to cost lives (and the castle's supply of Jell-O). She never would have angered her uncle Jened, who wanted her dead even before she turned his castle into a psychotic petting zoo. And she surely wouldn't have convinced Duzell to court the powerful Captain Illside, who's already confused about where his loyalties lie. Ishtar's meddling has caught up to her, and the punishment is likely to be severe, especially now that her beloved bodyguard has shown up to save the day. Darres has managed to keep Ishtar from harm so far, but with the demonic Sharlon determined to prevent their escape, the cost of Ishtar's actions just may be his life.

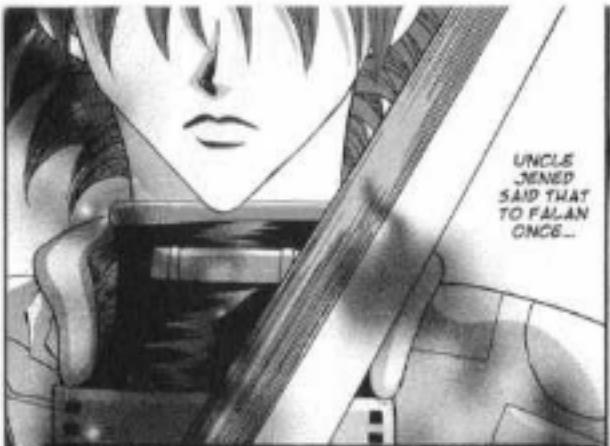




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UNCLE JENED
SAID THAT
TO FALAN
ONCE...



"AS
LONG
AS
YOU'RE
HAPPY
CHILD..."



NEVER MIND
THAT SHE
COULD'T
CARE LESS
ABOUT THE
THRONE, AND
CERTAINLY
DOESN'T WANT
ANYTHING TO
HAPPEN TO
ME.

...BASICALLY
CONFIRMING
THAT SHE'S THE
REASON HE'S
OBSESSED WITH
CONQUERING
PHELIOSTA.



"...OR WHO
I HAVE TO
KILL TO
MAKE THAT
HAPPEN."

吸血遊戲

シーザー選手
東領篇

Act.14





SHARLEN CAN TELEPORT?
THERE'S NO WAY
DARRES CAN TAKE ON A VAMPIRE THAT POWERFUL!











I'LL BE
FINE.
DON'T
WORRY!

YOU TWO
SHOULD
GO!

THE LILKE
CAN GET YOU
OUT OF HERE!
SOMEPLACE
FAR, WHERE MY
UNCLE CAN'T
FIND YOU.
THERE'S NO
REASON FOR
YOU TO STICK
AROUND!



I DIDN'T.

AND I'M THE ONE
WHO SHOULD
APOLOGIZE.
I WAS ALSO
HIDING MY TRUE
IDENTITY, AND
I TREATED
YOU WITH
DISRESPECT.



NOT THAT ANY OF
THAT MATTERS
MUCH NOW

AND AS A
RESULT, A LOT
OF HUMANS
AND MONSTERS
HAVE LOST
THEIR LIVES.
WAY TO GO,
ISHTAR.

THE TRUTH
IS, I REALLY
SHOULD HAVE
SPENT MORE
TIME THINKING
THIS THROUGH.

























THAT SAID,
I'M NOT
GOING TO
PRETEND
I DIDN'T
ENJOY THAT.



ILL-SAIDE!

STOP IT,
YOU IDIOT!
FALAN
DIDN'T
REALLY
MEAN THAT!



KICKING
THE CRAP
OUT OF
JENED
FEELS
GREAT!

PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.

AND IT SEEMS
TO HAVE
BROUGHT
FALAN AND I
CLOSER THAN
EVER BEFORE.

I KNOW
SHE'S RIGHT.
FALAN
LOVES HER
FATHER.





























MY LORD,
AS YOUR
TRUSTED
LIEUTENANT,
IT IS MY DUTY
TO PROTECT
YOU

TO WHAT
END, HAN
AEGISMO









WE FORGOT ONE, DUZIE!

OH, WAIT!



WELL, UH...
WE'LL GET
HIM NEXT
TIME,
RIGHT?

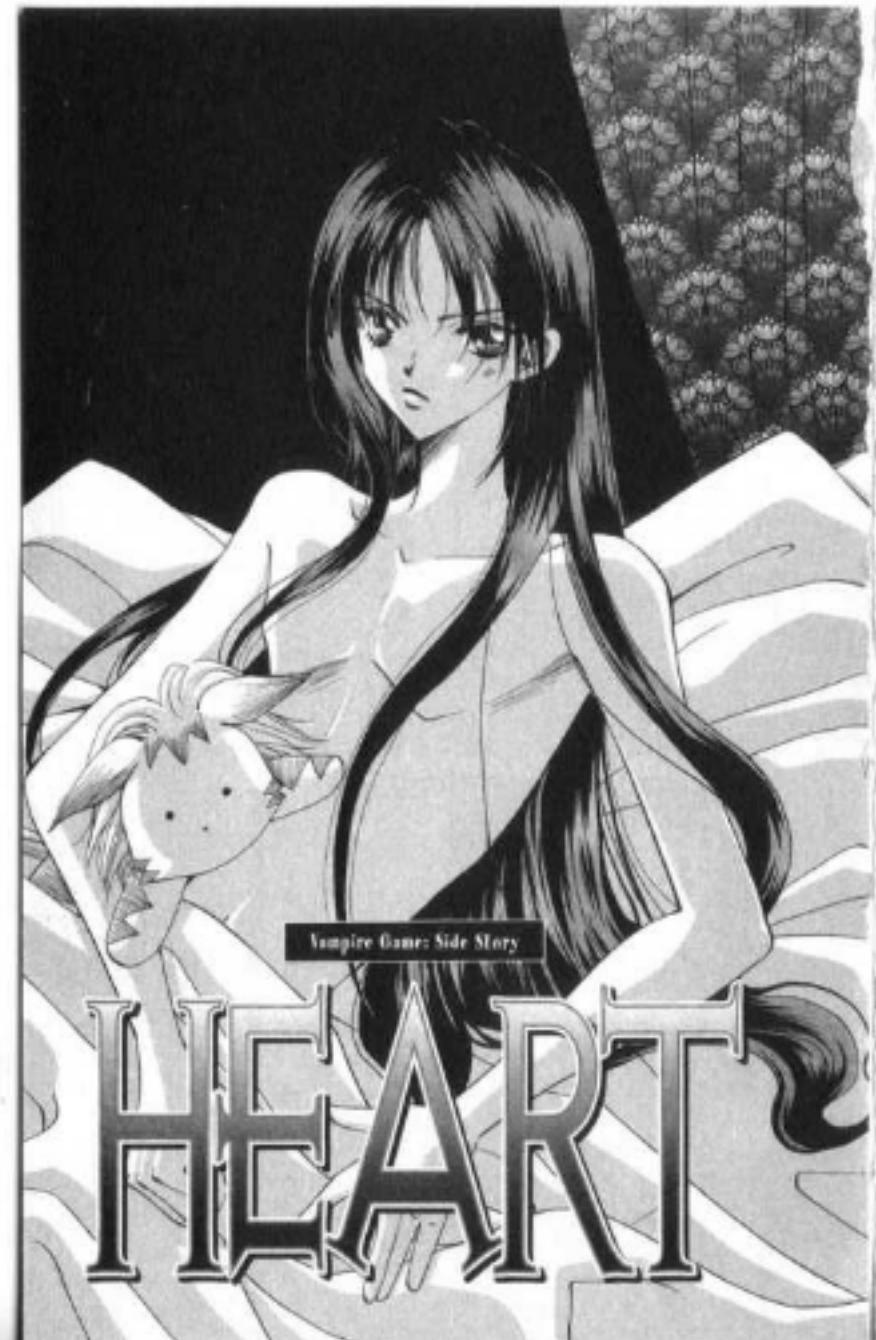


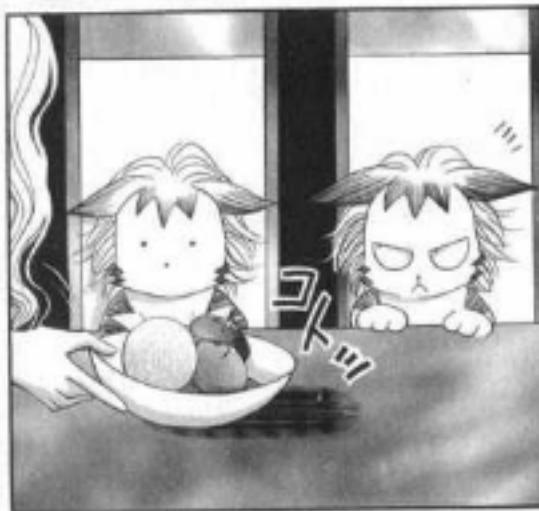


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GRRR!

A GENERAL?
AND A QUEEN?

SO...IF, SAY,
A GENERAL
HAD SOME
HIGH-RANKING
SPONSORSHIP,
HE COULD
MARRY A
QUEEN,
RIGHT?

I THINK
I'M ONTO
SOMETHING
HERE...

...I CAN
MARRY
SOMSONS
OUTSIDE THE
PHELICOSTA
ROYAL
FAMILY!

BUT
THAT JUST
MEANS IF I
CONVINCE
THE PEOPLE,
AND MAYBE
BAN SONS
PROPS...

ISHTAR!

...BUT IT
WOULD REALLY
DEPEND ON HIS
POSITION AND
SPONSORSHIP.

YES, I
SUPPOSE







THANKS, ISH! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU...



HHEH... LIKE I'M
ONE TO TALK.
THERE WAS A
TIME WHEN I
VIEWED THE
ENTIRE WORLD
AS MY
CHESSBOARD.





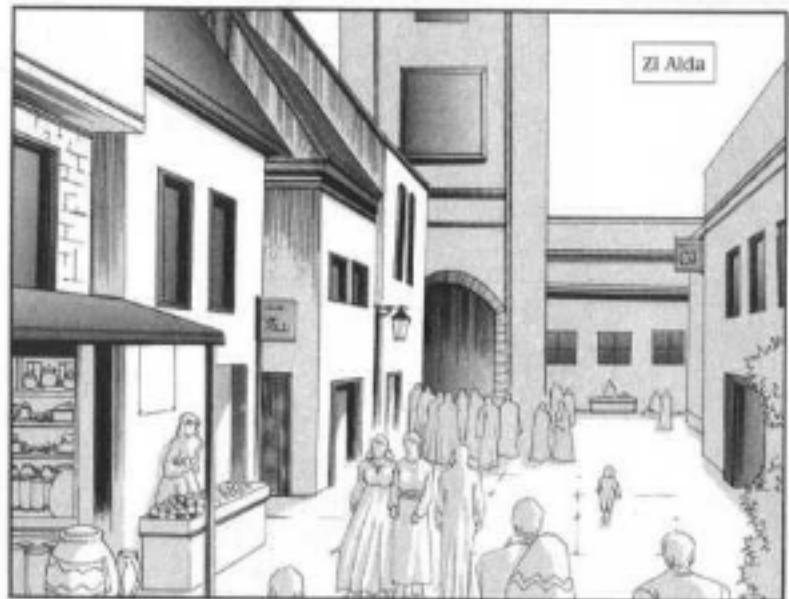
吸血遊戲

ミ・アラタ
南領篇

Act. 1







OR EVEN THAT I HAD A COLD, FOR THAT MATTER...

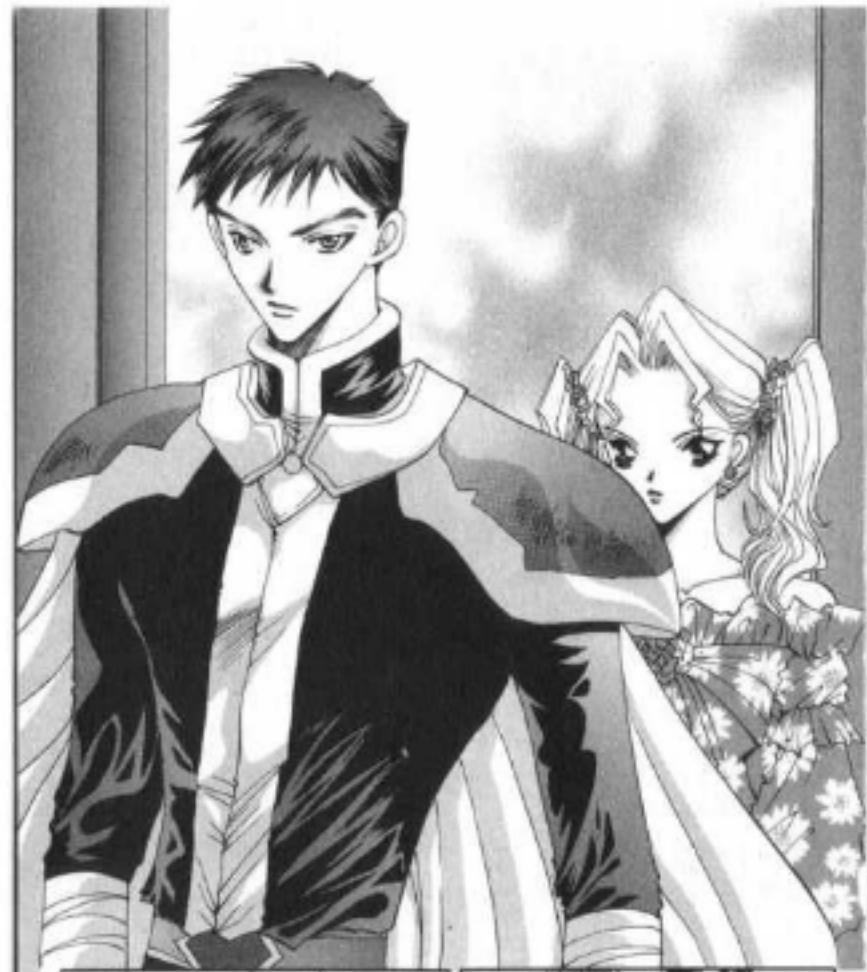
MAYBE HE KILLED JUST MISUNDERSTOOD, HE DOES WORRY SO. I'M SURE HE'S JUST BEING OVERLY PROTECTIVE.

I'M NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER, AND I'M STARTING TO FEEL THE PASSING OF TIME.

I WROTE HIM RECENTLY AND MADE MENTION OF THAT...BUT I CERTAINLY DIDN'T SAY I WAS DYING.

WELL, I DID HAVE A BIT OF A COUGH. NOT MUCH OF A COUGH, THOUGH, REALLY...





YOU
SUMMONED
ME, MILADY?







SO CAPTAIN...



SIX YEARS OLD?



...SO I DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE WHAT HAPPENED.



YEAH, WE'RE LUCKY THAT LADY SONIA'S SUCH A NICE OLD LADY. SHE JUST LET IT BLOW OVER.



NOTHING LIKE PUTTING YOUR FOOT IN YOUR MOUTH, EH?





HOWEVER, I REMEMBER THAT YUUJEL HAD PURPLE EYES AND THIS LONG SILVER HAIR THAT DROVE ALL THE LITTLE GIRLS WILD. THEY ALL LIKED HIM.

ALL OF THEM.



THINK THEY'D BE SEARCHING SO HARD IF THEY KNEW HE HAS BOONING THEM BOTH?

I HEAR THAT BOTH BARONESS LOIFA AND LADY SELIONA HAVE THEIR SCOUTS LOOKING FOR HIM.

HE'S STOPPED ATTENDING THE PALACE BALLS...

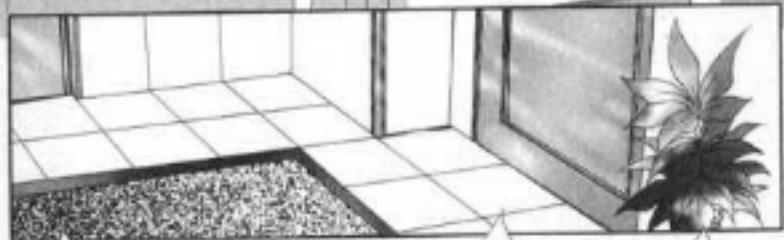
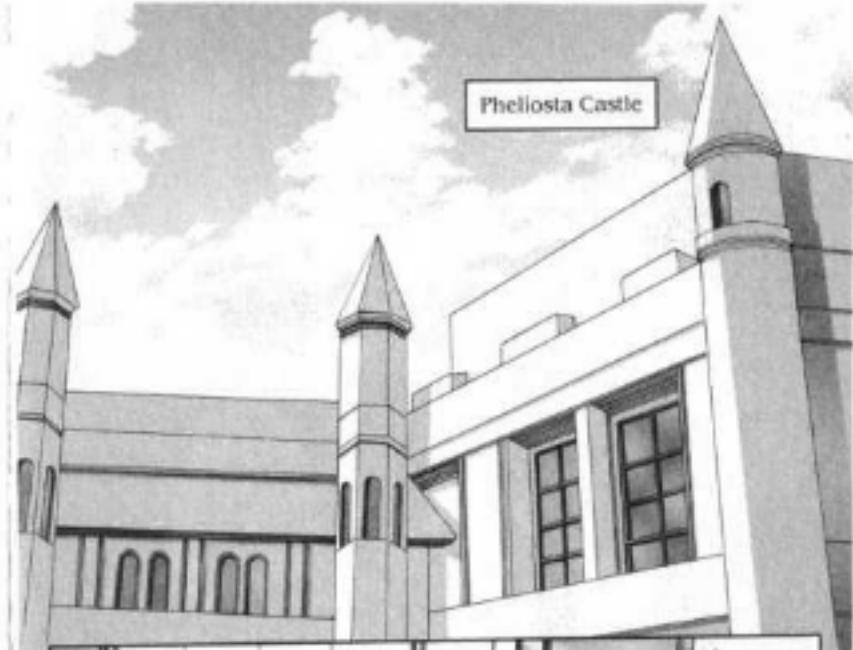














WHEN I WAS
A LITTLE GIRL, I USED
TO THINK
ABOUT KILL
THE WAY I
THINK ABOUT
DARRES.



I NEVER
REALLY
TOLD THEM
I FELT
THAT WAY...



...SIR
YUUJEL.

ALL RIGHT,
YUJINN. OR
SHOULD I SAY...



I WAS
WRONG
TO TRY TO
DEceive
YOU...



BECAUSE,
NO MATTER
WHAT...





IT LETS PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM, AND I SHOULD KNOW... I'M ONE OF THEM.





I KNOW,
KELD...

...AND
KNOWING
MAKES IT
THAT MUCH
HORSE.



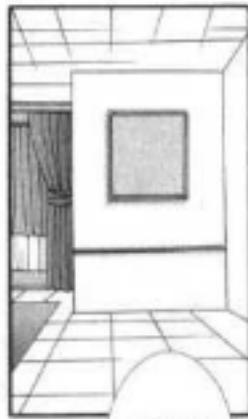
—THE
POSSIBILITY
OF A UNION
WITH ISHTAR?
IT WOULD
BE MOST
ADVANTAGEOUS
TO CUE—I MEAN
YOUR HOUSE.
PLEASE JUST
CONSIDER IT.
FOR ALL OF
OUR SAKE.

CAN'T
YOU
AT LEAST
ENTERTAIN

I PROBABLY
DON'T HAVE TO
POINT THIS OUT
TO YOU, BUT LADY
ISHTAR ISN'T THE
CHILD SHE HAS.
SHE'S BLOSSOMED
INTO QUITE A
FETCHING YOUNG
WOMAN.







SO YEAH,
FALAN, HE
CAME OUT
HERE FOR
NOTHING.

JUST
ANOTHER
ONE OF THE
OLD FART'S
TRICKS.



NOTHING'S
CHANGED...
EXCEPT ME.



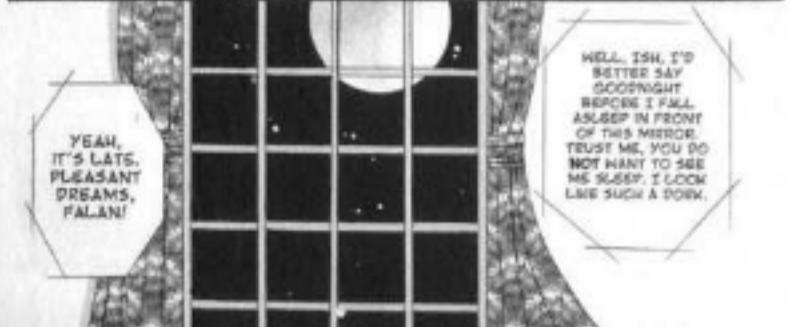


WE ALL KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON MY FATHER COULD BE. I MEAN, MONSTERS USED TO RUN FROM HIM.



WELL, ISH, I'D BETTER SAY GOODNIGHT BEFORE I FALL ASLEEP IN FRONT OF THIS MIRROR. TRUST ME, YOU DO NOT WANT TO SEE ME SLEEP. I LOOK LIKE SUCH A DORK.

YEAH, IT'S LATE. PLEASANT DREAMS, FALAN!





ALL THIS TIME
I'VE SPENT WITH
HER AND I STILL
HAVEN'T FIGURED
OUT HOW SHE
DOES THAT.





BUT SHE'S
NOT THE
ONLY ONE
WITH TRICKS
UP HER
SLEEVES.

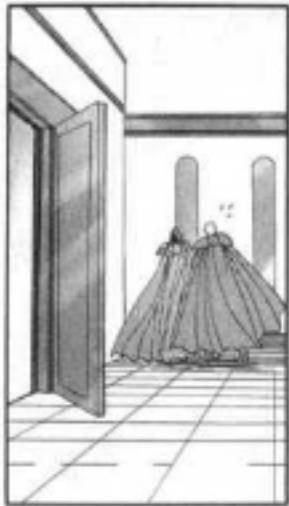
HMM...











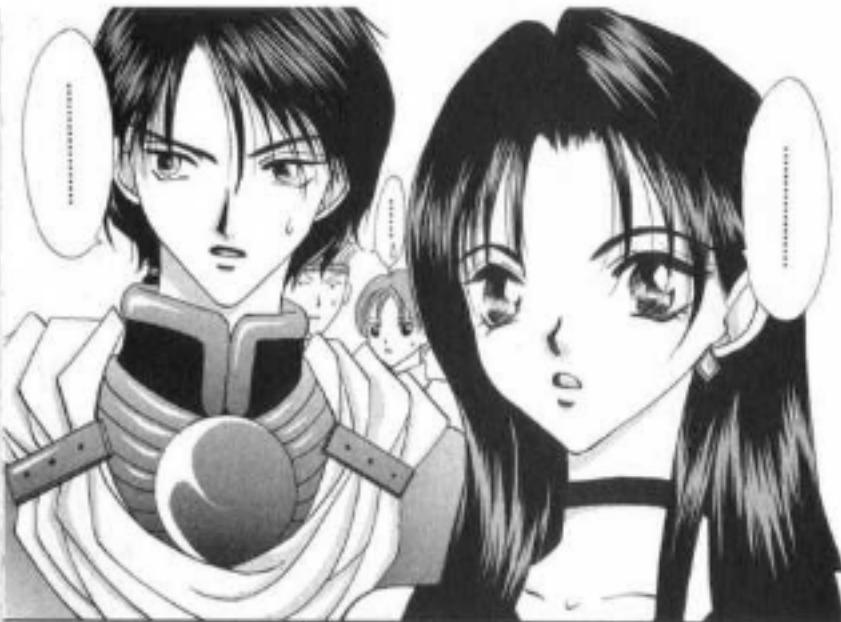
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Act.3













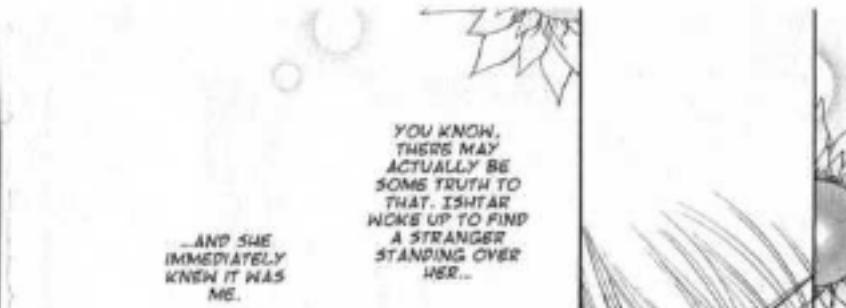






...YOU'LL STILL ALWAYS BE MY CUDGLEY-WUDGLEY LITTLE DUZIE TO ME!"







HER WORDS
MAKE ME FEEL
WARM, THEY
MAKE ME FEEL
HAPPY.



MORE
THAN THE
LUSTFUL
STARE OF A
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN...





ON, HE IS...

MAKES NO
MISTAKE,
LADY LEGNE.

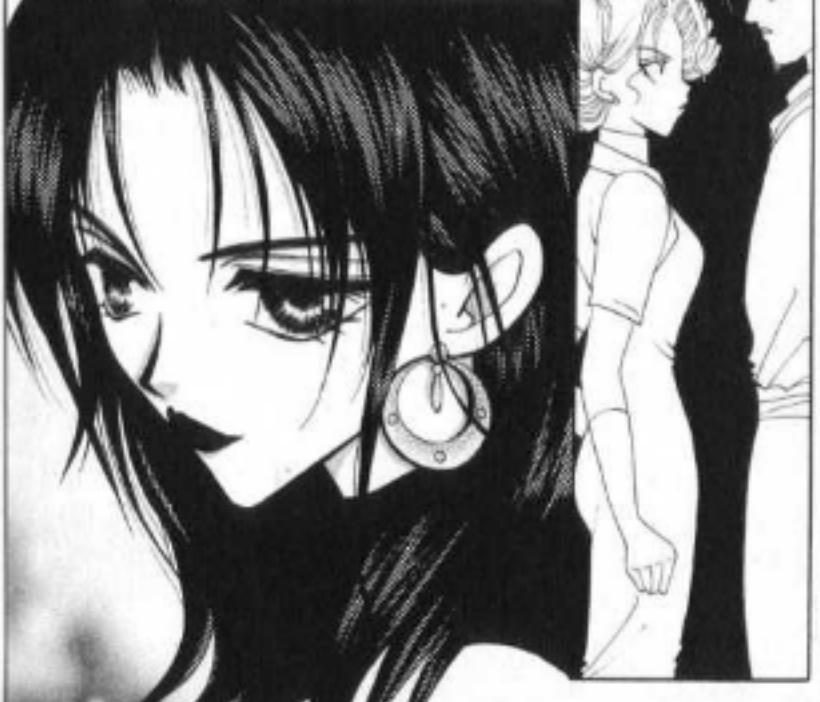


BUT HE'LL
CRIPPLE
ANYONE WHO TRIES
TO MOUNT
HIM.

HE MIGHT
HAVE THE
FACE OF
A COLT.









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WAIT A SECOND...
SOMETHING'S
GOING ON! I'LL
TALK TO YOU
LATER!

WHAT IS
IT?

NOW,
WOULD I
DO THAT?

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT.
SINCE YOU'RE
NOT HERE, I'LL
PROTECT HER
MAJESTY...

IT WAS
LADY
LEENE'S
IDEA?

THEY'VE
SADDLED THE
WRONG HORSE
FOR LADY
ISHSTAR!

!!

SHE'S SUPPOSED
TO BE USING
LADY SONIA'S
HORSE! BUT
THAT'S NOT
TROTTER! I'VE
GOT TO GO!

OR
IS IT...?

ARE YOU
TRYING TO
BLACKMAIL
ME INTO
COMING BACK
TO ZI ALDA?

LUCY...



ANSWERS TO QUIZ 2



ANSWERS TO QUIZ 1



HI THERE! IT'S ME, JUDAH!



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO'S TAKEN THE TIME TO READ MY BOOKS!



Cot blood?



WE'VE ALSO LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT YUJINN! IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S AFTER TSUTAR TOO!



In Place of a Postscript...



A DAY IN THE LIFE



ONE DARK DAY, IN THE MIDDLE OF A DARK, DARK MONTH, HAS UNFORTUNATELY WITNESSED NO PLAYSTATION SPOKE.



HERE WORDS COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE MISERY AND ANGUISH I FELT AT THAT MOMENT. I DESIRED OF SOMETHING, ANYTHING, PLACE OR THING THAT COULD COME REMOTELY CLOSE TO RESEMBLING THIS WORLD FOR SUCH A CRUEL PRANK.



IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO BUY A NEW ONE RIGHT NOW...

PLAYSTATION! MY PLAYSTATION! HOW COULDN'T YOU JUST HANG IN THERE A FEW MORE MONTHS...

...BUT THERE ARE SO MANY GAMES I WANT TO PLAY!

AAARGH!!



IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT SOMETHING QUICK, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ERASATIC ACTION...

WHEN I SAY IT BROKE, I REALLY MEAN THAT I PRESSED ONE OF THE BUTTONS TOO MANY TIMES. AND, UM, MAYBE KICKED IT... SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES.

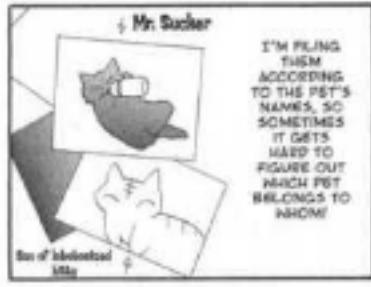
LETTERS, PART TWO



PET PICTURES!

I'M GETTING SO MANY OF THESE THAT I'M STARTING A COLLECTION!

↳ Lobotomized Kitty



↳ Mr. Bucket

I'M FILEING THEM ACCORDING TO THE PET'S NAMES, SO SOMETIMES IT GETS HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHICH PET BELONGS TO WHOM!



AND OCCASIONALLY I'LL GET A LETTER THAT SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THIS: "EVEN THOUGH MY FAMILY WAS DEAD SET AGAINST IT, I NAMED MY KITTY 'PUZBELL.' I EVEN TAUGHT HIM TO SUCK BLOOD! IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE WRITE TO ME IN CARE OF THE YOKOHAMA HOME FOR THE MENTALLY UNSTABLE."



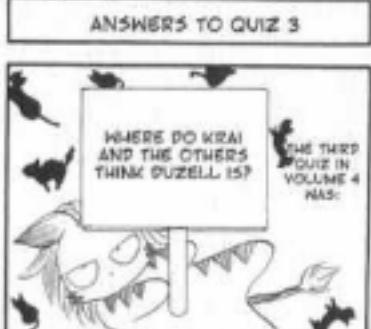
OH, AND TO EVERYONE OUT THERE WHO DIDN'T INCLUDE YOUR PET'S NAME THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE WRITE ME BACK WITH THEIR NAMES; OTHERWISE MY FILES WILL BE PERMANENTLY OUT OF ORDER!

LETTERS, PART ONE



Many of these emails to be sent to me, either in private or through my website, puzbell.com.

I GET LOTS OF MAIL FROM PEOPLE WHO WORK AS EDITORS FOR PUBLISHERS AND WANT TO BECOME MANGA ARTISTS.



WHERE DO KIRAI AND THE OTHERS THINK PUZBELL IS?

THE THIRD QUIZ IN VOLUME 4 HAS:



...THEY THINK THAT ISHTAR'S KYAH! DOLL IS PUZBELL!

THE ANSWER IS...



YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THAT THEY'RE EACH OTHER'S "SPECIAL FRIENDS," RIGHT?

SO I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE TWO MIKE CHARACTERS' RELATIONSHIP...

CASE #2: THE BEAVERS CASE OF MANGA-KA BI



OKAY, SO THE LESSON HERE IS THAT ANYONE CAN MAKE A GREAT MANGA. ANYONE CAN GET A PUBLISHING CONTRACT. ANYONE CAN BECOME FAMOUS AND LIVE LIVES RICH WITH EXCITEMENT, BEAUTY, AND BEAUTIFUL MEN AND WOMEN.



WHAAAAT?!

MOST PEOPLE JUST THOUGHT THEY FORGOT THAT PUZBELL EXISTED,

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Next issue...



Ihtar didn't come to Zi Alda looking for trouble, but trouble has a way of catching up with our beloved princess. And this time around, it arrives in the guise of a nasty-tempered beast with a real bad attitude...and a horse.

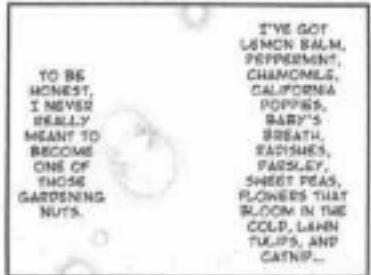
Lady Leone was once the fairest girl in all of Zi Alda. Then Princess Ihtar came to town. Young, pretty, and powerful, Ihtar would make any woman feel threatened. But for the very jealous Leone, the princess is more than a threat; she's the enemy. Enter Backbreaker. Unkempt, wild and completely unbroken, Backbreaker is a hurricane made equine. And he's got a riding date with the unsuspecting Ihtar. Will our princess prevail? Or will Backbreaker take Ihtar on a ride to die?

Note: Zeta wishes it to be known that no horses were hurt in the drawing of this manga.

CONCLUSION



ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE



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In a no-holds-barred showdown, Ishtar, Duzell and Dorres face off against Lord Jened and his High Sorcerer, Diaage. Falan observes helplessly, caught between the love of her father and her desire for justice. Duty, loyalty and devotion are all pushed to the breaking point, as everybody's decisions meld into an explosive, heartbreaking and—if we do say so ourselves—pretty darn shocking climax!



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